

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 have been amended. Claims 13-15 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 1 through 12 and Claims 16 -21 remain pending.

35 U.S.C. Section 103 Rejections

Paragraphs 2-4 of the above referenced Office Action rejects Claims 1-12 and 16-21 as unpatentable over DeFrasne et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,603,629 (hereafter DeFrasne) in further view of Tu, U.S. Patent No. 6,424,118 (hereafter Tu) under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 to more particularly point out aspects of the present invention. Consequently, Applicants respectfully assert that the present invention as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 is not rendered obvious by the cited combination.

Paragraph 4 of the above referenced Office Action concedes that the DeFrasne reference fails "...to teach or fairly suggest that the electronic device is a personal digital assistant and the printed circuit board is mounted within a housing of the personal digital assistant." Paragraph 4 further states that the Tu reference "...teaches an apparatus for holding a SIM card 12 for a mobile phone 19, which serves as a personal digital assistant and the printed circuit board is mounted within a housing of the mobile phone 19 (see figs. 4 & 5)." Applicants respectfully traverse this assertion.

The Tu reference shows a SIM card holding door integrated with a separate back cover. This second back cover does not mount or contain the integrated circuit device. Furthermore, this second back cover is a completely separate hardware element with respect to the mobile phone. This is explicitly shown in Figure 4 of Tu, with the second back cover 13 having the two SIM sockets 14, which in turn, plugs into the socket 14 and attaches to the back of the mobile phone 19. Additionally, the description of Figure 4 (e.g., col. 2 lines 50-56) explicitly recites the back cover as being a “...second back cover 13 of a mobile phone 19.” Figure 5 of Tu also explicitly depicts the two part nature of the second back cover, where the second back cover 13 is illustrated as a battery for the mobile phone.

In contrast, the present invention as recited in each of independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 is a SIM connector and door of a single piece back housing of the personal information device. This single piece back housing is the housing of the device itself. This housing itself contains the PCB of the device. There is no separate second piece as taught by Tu. This aspect of the present invention is clearly disclosed by Figure 1 of the specification of the present application.

The combination of DeFrasne and Tu does not teach or suggest a single piece back housing, that contains the device’s PCB, that receives the SIM card. The SIM card door of the mobile phone 19 shown in Figure 4 of Tu is not exposed to the environment, and therefore, is completely different from the

implementations of the claimed invention. The SIM card door of the mobile phone 19 is completely covered and protected by the second back cover 13. Additionally, the SIM card door of the mobile phone 19 is shown accepting a connection cable 17 as opposed to a SIM card.

Applicants point out that independent Claim 6 explicitly points out that the back case device housing contains the PCB. Similarly, independent Claim 17 explicitly points out a PCB device housing that contains the PCB. Both of these limitations are not shown by the cited combination. The second back cover 13 of Tu does not contain the device's PCB. DeFrasne is simply a hinged board connector that shows no relationship between a PCB, device cover, back case, or the like.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claim 1, 6, and 17 is not rendered obvious by DeFrasne and Tu within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 103.

CONCLUSION

All remaining claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

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